

Indicator 9: Disproportionate Representation

Data: Disproportionate Representation Report
([DOE-SE](#))

Collected: December 1, 2011 through December 13, 2011

Verification*: May 2012

Findings: Issued in November 2012

Corrective Action Plan (CAP): Due to the IDOE approximately 60 days after findings are issued.

**Only occurs if the SEA deems verification necessary.*



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Indicator 9

- **Disproportionate Representation:**

Percent of districts with disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in special education and related services that is the result of inappropriate identification.



Indicator 9 Definition

Indiana defines *disproportionate representation* (or *disproportionality*) of racial and ethnic groups in special education and related services as a risk ratio greater than 2.0 or a risk ratio less than 0.5 in special education and related services for two consecutive years. Sample size (“N”) is set at a minimum of **30** students in a given population.



Indicator 9 Verification Process

1. IDOE will review the DOE-SE submission for each LEA.
2. IDOE will identify and issue preliminary notification to LEAs of potential noncompliance whose data indicates significant discrepancies.
3. LEAs who are in disagreement with the data analysis will be given a two week window to send the IDOE documentation supporting their requested changes to the data*. Guidelines of appropriate documentation will be given to LEAs by the IDOE.
4. IDOE will review verification submissions and make changes if the documentation provided is appropriate.

****Changes made during verification do not automatically remove the possibility that the LEA will be issued a finding.***



Indicator 9 Findings Issuance

- LEAs with significant discrepancy are required to complete the *Self-Assessment Survey – Special Education Disproportionality and Disciplinary Discrepancies*.
- LEAs whose Self Assessment and supporting documentation indicates the significant discrepancy may be due to inappropriate policies, procedures and practices will undergo a student file review based on a random sample of students that were suspended for more than 10 days.
- LEAs whose significant discrepancy is due to inappropriate policies, procedures and practices will be issued findings of noncompliance.



Indicator 9 Appeals Process

1. LEAs will be given a two week window to submit appeals to the IDOE after findings are issued. Appeals must contain documentation proving that compliance existed*.
2. IDOE staff will review appeal submissions and rescind findings if appropriate.

****The IDOE will consider appeals regarding findings only if the LEA can demonstrate that the SEA issued a finding when compliance existed.***

